

National Volunteer Week - April 19 – April 25, 2009

“Celebrating People in Action”

We honor all our volunteers who dedicate themselves to providing the common goal of working to make the best better. We honor the commitment given to the Extension 4-H program and our youth. Please take the time to thank your club leader, project leader, or others who freely give their time. **OUR OFFICE THANKS YOU AND WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU DO. TOGETHER WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS.**

Month of the Military

April was established as the "Month of the Military" in 1986 by then Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. He established the annual recognition because he understood and appreciated the challenges encountered by children of the military service members. Operation: Military Kids (OMK) recognizes and honors the sacrifice that the children and youth of our military personnel make because when parents serve in the military, their kids are heroes too. **These children and youth are a source of pride and honor to us all, and it is only fitting that we take April – Month of the Military Child to recognize their contributions, celebrate their spirit, and let our men and women in uniform know that while they are taking care of us, we are taking care of their children and youth.**



Expanding Your Horizons - Motivating Young Women in Science & Mathematics

Registration is now open for Montana State University's "Expanding Your Horizons," a day-long program to be held on Saturday, April 25, that is designed to motivate girls in grades 6, 7 and 8 to pursue careers in math and science. Registration is \$20 and includes lunch, materials and four hands-on sessions, which cover subjects such as astronomy, outdoor survival, dentistry, robotics and much more. Registration forms are available online at <http://eu.montana.edu/ContinuingEd/youth/>. Conference headquarters are at the Burns Technology Center, 128 EPS building. The conference is sponsored by MSU Extended University. For more information, contact Susan Byorth at sbyorth@montana.edu or 243-5701.

International Programs

Experience another culture first hand by hosting a foreign youth this summer.

Host families are still needed for the summer inbound program. We have 24 Japanese kids, ages 12-16, that still need homes. The program dates are July 21-August 18. Enthusiastic families are needed to host these youth for the month. No special plans are required just a willingness to share your daily lives with someone from another country. Deadline extended to April 15, 2009. Applications are available at www.montana4h.org, from your county agent or by contacting Stephanie Davison at sdavison@montana.edu.

